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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM DEFENDED BY PRIMIN ECEVIT

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1. ON FEBRUARY 5, THE SECOND AND FINAL DAY OF WARM DEBATE  
ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S POLICY PROGRAM (REFTEL), PRIMIN  
ECEVIT TORE INTO THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, DECLARING THAT  
EXCEPT FOR THEM "EVERYONE WAS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRAM  
AND FORMATION OF THIS GOVERNMENT...SOME WERE PLEASES  
AT HAVING OBTAINED WHAT THEY HAD HOPED FOR AND SOME AT  
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NOT MEETING WHAT THEY HAD FEARED". HE PREDICTED THAT HIS

GOVERNMENT WOULD STAY IN OFFICE A LONG TIME AND WOULD "CHANGE A LOT OF THINGS IN OUR COUNTRY...WITHOUT CREATING DISTURBANCES OR FEAR OR HURTING ANYONE".

2. IN A SPIRITED RESPONSE TO JUSTICE PARTY (JP) CHAIRMAN DEMIREL'S CRITICISM THAT THE PROGRAM WAS WEAK ON COMBATING "EXTREMIST TRENDS", ECEVIT ASSERTED THAT "FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY, WHO BELIEVE AS WE DO THAT DEMOCRACY AND COMMUNISM CANNOT GO TOGETHER, IT IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE COMMUNIST DANGER. BUT JUST AS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM IS NOT ONE, SO THERE IS NOT JUST ONE PATH TO PREVENT COMMUNISM. THE DEMIREL ADMINISTRATION TRIED ONE OF THESE WAYS BEFORE THE MARCH 12 (MILITARY INTERVENTION) AND IT COULD NOT SUCCEED. NOW WE WILL TRY ANOTHER WAY. COMMUNISTS COULD NOT ENTER THE PARLIAMENT IN BRITAIN AFTER THE GROWTH OF THE MODERATE LABOR PARTY".

3. ECEVIT STRONGLY EMPHASIZED HIS GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO RESTORING THE FREEDOMS OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION, SO THAT TURKEY WOULD HAVE THE SAME DEGREE OF FREEDOM AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. HOWEVER, "THOSE WHO WANT TO IMPOSE THEIR VIEWS ON OTHERS BY FORCE" WOULD BE STOPPED, HE SAID. HE NOTED THE IRONY THAT WHILE IN OTHER COUNTRIES THE OPPOSITION PARTIES DEMANDED MORE FREEDOMS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, IN TURKEY THEY DEMANDED LESS. HE CHARGED THE OPPOSITION WITH "TRYING TO CREATE ANXIETY, FIGHTING, AND TROUBLE".

4. AS TO THE PROPOSED AMNESTY, HE SAID THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN SUPPORTED BUT RATHER HAD BEEN CRITICIZED BY THE EXTREME LEFT. THE PURPOSE OF THE AMNESTY WAS TO "BURY THE PAST" AND BRING PEACE, HE DECLARED.

5. THE ONLY NATIONALIZATION CONTEMPLATED, ECEVIT SAID, WAS THAT OF BORAX.

6. HIS REMARKS ON CYPRUS AND OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION ARE BEING REPORTED BY SEPTELS.

7. COMMENT: IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT ASIDE FROM THOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7, NO ISSUES INVOLVING TURKEY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS WERE RAISED IN THE DEBATE. MACOMBER

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